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TENSAS PARISH COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM FEDERAL FUNDS Waterproof and Newellton Receive Loan and Grant Funds for Community Projects

ST. JOSEPH, October 22, 2004 – Congressman Rodney Alexander joined USDA Rural Development State Director Michael B. Taylor today to present the Town of Waterproof and Town of Newellton loan and grant funds for important community projects.

Town of Waterproof - \$434,000 Loan and \$1,194,000 Grant

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to repair and upgrade Waterproof's water treatment plant—ensuring access to clean, safe drinking water to Waterproof residents.

Town of Waterproof - \$32,150 Grant

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a new garbage collection truck—offering improved garbage collection service to Waterproof residents.

Town of Waterproof - \$98,500 Grant

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to construct a new fire station in Waterproof—enhancing fire protection services for residents of Waterproof.

Town of Newellton - \$37,500 Grant

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a backhoe for the Town of Newellton—enabling the Town to repair and maintain community streets.

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. The Louisiana Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, and the telephone number is (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting Rural Development's web site at:
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